Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): What will the cost of the establishment and the maintenance of the Palace come to?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The permanent establishment sanctioned is:

Superintendent	....	Rs. 150
2 butlers	....	Rs. 25-30, each.
2 boys	....	Rs. 12 each.
1 Night Watch-man	....	Rs. 12.
2 Sweepers	....	Rs. 5 each.

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 200 by transfer from "Assessment" to "Travelling Allowance" under "Land Revenue—Cranganur".

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 200 by transfer from "Assessment" to 'Travelling Allowance" under "Land Revenue Cranganur". The amount is necessary to meet certain items of expenditure explained in the Notes for the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the grant may be allowed.

The demand was put and carried.

The Cochin Nambudiri Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): Mr. President, Sir, I move that the Cochin Nambudiri Bill be read in Council. The Bill is the result of the representations made by the Nambudiris in Cochin to the Government for the enactment of a legislation to improve the social conditions of the Nambudiri community of this State. In British Malabar and Travancore legislations have already been placed on the Statute book and this community feels that the law governing the family management, marriage, succession, etc., should be improved to meet modern requirements. So far as this Legislature is concerned, the subject has come up before it even in the first Council. In the first Council Mr. Kapplingat Sankaran Nambudiri, who was representing the Cheruthuruthi Constituency, introduced a Nambudiri Bill. It aroused a lot of opposition in the country. Even in the Select Committee, out of 13 members, 9 presented dissenting minutes. It was a very controversial measure and so His Highness had to withhold his gracious assent to it.

Similar measures on almost identical lines and in which all the objectionable features were repeated had also to be vetoed

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